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SUBJ: ALBERTA PREMIER CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL GAS SALES TO

U.S.

1. IN JANUARY 31 TELEGRAM TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU, ALBERTA PREMIER LOUGHEED CALLED FOR ADDITIONAL SHORT TERM SALES OF ALBERTA GAS TO ALLEVIATE CRITICAL ENERGY SHORTAGES IN U.S. LOUGHEED QUOTED AS TELLING TRUDEAU THAT "THE ALBERTA GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO APPROVE ANY ARRANGEMENT WHICH OUR (ENERGY) REGULATORY BOARDS CONSIDER PRACTICAL TO ASSIST THE U.S. IN THEIR ... NEED". LOUGHEED HAS SUGGESTED THAT GAS LEAVING ALBERTA VIA TRANSCANADA PIPELINE HAVE HIGHER ENERGY CONTENT OR THAT DELIVERIES OF ALBERTA GAS TO WESTERN U.S. BE INCREASED SO THAT EXISTING U.S. STOCKS CAN BE ROUTED TO AREAS WHERE GAS IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY. ALBERTA PREMIER HAS ASKED ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION BOARD (ERCB) TO WORK WITH NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY TO FIND SOLUTIONS FOR EMERGENCY ENERGY ASSISTANCE TO U.S.

2. ALBERTA AND SOUTHERN GAS COMPANY OFFICIAL TOLD CONGEN THAT NEB HAD GIVEN ITS APPROVAL JANUARY 28 TO 60-DAY SALE ON BEST EFFORT BASIS OF 50 MCF PER DAY OF ALBERTA GAS TO
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INLAND NATURAL GAS COMPANY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. THIS TRANSACTION WILL PERMIT WESTCOAST PETROLEUM LTD. TO PROVIDE 50 MCF PER DAY OF ADDITIONAL GAS TO NORTHWEST PIPELINE LTD.

3. COMMENT: ALBERTA GAS COMPANY OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT THERE MAY BE OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR TRANSMISSION OF

ADDITIONAL GAS THROUGH WESTCOAST TO U.S. SAME SOURCES ALSO
STATE THAT ALBERTA COULD PROVIDE MONTANA POWER COMPANY WITH
AS MUCH AS 30 MCF OF GAS PER DAY. THERE SKEPTICISM HERE
ABOUT RAISING BTU CONTENT OF GAS DELIVERED TO TRANSCANADA
AS THERE WOULD BE PROBLEM IN COMPENSATING BUTANE AND PROPANE
PRODUCERS WHO WOULD BE FORCED TO REDUCE THEIR GAS LIQUIDS
TAKE. CONGEN OFFICER HAS APPOINTMENT FEBRUARY 4 TO DISCUSS
PROSPECTS FOR FURTHER EMERGENCY GAS SALES TO U.S. WITH
OFFICIALS ERCB.
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